CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method, for a system using program scheduling information, said method comprising the steps of:

    receiving a selection of a program;

    retrieving program information relating to said program;

    receiving a record command for said program; said record command including a recurrence period;

    determining if said program is a recurring program from program information of said program, wherein a recurrence period information for said program is available when said program is a recurring program; and

    enabling said record command when said recurrence period of said record command is similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

2.   The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising disabling said record command when said recurrence period of said record command is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

3.   The method, as recited in claim 2, further comprising notifying a user that said recurrence period of said record command is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

4.   The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein said recurrence period being at least one of daily, weekly, or monthly.

5.   The method, as recited in claim 4, wherein said recurrence period is similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program when both of said recurrence period and recurrence period information refer to a recurrence of at least one of daily, weekly or monthly.

6.   A method, for a system using program scheduling information, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection of a program;

retrieving program information relating to said program;

receiving a request for a reminder for said program, said reminder providing a notice that said program will be broadcast, said reminder including a recurrence period;

determining if said program is a recurring program from program information of said program, wherein a recurrence period information for said program is available when said program is a recurring program; and

enabling said reminder when said recurrence period of said reminder is similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

7.   The method, as recited in claim 6, further comprising disabling said reminder when said recurrence period of said reminder is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

8.   The method, as recited in claim 7, further comprising notifying a user that said recurrence period of said reminder is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

9.   The method, as recited in claim 6, wherein said recurrence period being at least one of daily, weekly, or monthly.

10.   The method, as recited in claim 9, wherein said recurrence period is similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program when both of said recurrence period and recurrence period information refer to a recurrence of at least one of daily, weekly or monthly.

11.   A system comprising:

at least one processor;

memory operably coupled to said processor;

at least one bus operably coupled to said processor and said memory;

a display configured to display a cursor and a cursor control device configured to control said cursor displayed on said display; and

a user interface for presenting program scheduling information on said display and configured to receive a selection a program from said program scheduling information and enable a received record command when a recurrence period of said record command is similar to recurrence period information provided with program scheduling information relating to said program.

12.   The system, as defined in claim 11, wherein said user interface is further configured to:

disable said record command when said recurrence period of said record command is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

13.   The system, as defined in claim 12, wherein said user interface is further configured to notify a user that said recurrence period of said record command is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.

14.   The system, as defined in claim 11, wherein said recurrence period being at least one of daily, weekly, or monthly.

15.   The system, as recited in claim 14, wherein said recurrence period is similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program when both of said recurrence period and recurrence period information refer to a recurrence of at least one of daily, weekly or monthly.

16.   A method, for a system using program scheduling information, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection of a program;

retrieving program information relating to said program;

determining if said program is a recurring program from program information of said program;

enabling a periodic record for said program when said program is a recurring program, wherein said periodic record for said program is in accordance with a recurrence period information from program information relating to said program.

17.   The method, as recited in claim 16, further comprising disabling said periodic record when said program is not a recurring program.

18.   The method, as recited in claim 17, further comprising notifying a user whether said program is a recurring program.

19.   The method, as recited in claim 16, wherein said recurrence period being at least one of daily, weekly, or monthly.

20.   The method, as recited in claim 19, wherein said recurrence period is similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program when both of said recurrence period and recurrence period information refer to a recurrence of at least one of daily, weekly or monthly.

21.   A method, for a system using program scheduling information, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection of a program;

retrieving program information relating to said program;

receiving a record command for said program; said record command including a recurrence period, said recurrence period being at least one of daily, weekly, or monthly;

determining if said program is a recurring program from program information of said program, wherein a recurrence period information for said program is available when said program is a recurring program;

enabling said record command when said recurrence period of said record command is similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program;

disabling said record command when said recurrence period of said record command is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program; and

notifying a user that said recurrence period of said record command is not similar to said recurrence period information of program information relating to said program.